

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF FILING FEES FOR)
THE DEPENDENCY ALTERNATIVE)
PROGRAM)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2026-043

WHEREAS, under Arizona Revised Statute Sections 12-281 to 12-290, as well as Chapter 3 of Title 12, establishes filing fees for the Superior Court and/or the Clerk of Superior Court; and


WHEREAS, the Superior Court in Maricopa County has created a Dependency Alternative Program in an effort to reduce the number of children involved in dependency cases within Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, Superior Court in Maricopa County and/or the Clerk of Superior Court imposes filing fees for civil court matters; including family court and juvenile matters, which could place an undue burden on families.

THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED all filing fees associated with a case that has been referred to the Dependency Alternative Program be waived.

Dated this 28 day of April, 2026.



Hon. Pamela S. Gates
Superior Court Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Hon. Lori Bustamante, Juvenile Department Presiding Judge
All Maricopa County Juvenile Superior Court Judges and Commissioners
Ray Billotte, Judicial Branch Administrator
Shawn Friend, Deputy Court Administrator
Carma Umpleby, Juvenile Department Administrator